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TAGS: CASC (REDD, LARRY W.)

SUBJECT: W/W LARRY W. REDD

REF : STATE 215737; MANILA 11475; SAIGON 12227

1. CONGRESSMAN FORSYTHE INTERESTED.

2. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE IMMIGRATION JAIL WHERE
SUBJECT WAS DETAINED ASSURED THE EMBASSY THAT HE WAS NOT
BEATEN OR ABUSED IN ANY WAY AT ANY TIME. BECAUSE OF
HIS APPARENT MENTALLY DISTURBED CONDITION, REDD WAS
PLACED IN A CELL BY HIMSELF FOR HIS OWN AND THE OTHER
INMATES' PROTECTION. PRISON AUTHORITIES ALLEGE HIS
INJURIES WERE SELF-INFLICTED DUE TO HIS ERRATIC AND
VIOLENT BEHAVIOR WHILE IN CONFINEMENT. EXHIBITED
VIOLENT BEHAVIOR WHILE IN CUSTODY OF EMBASSY MISSION
WARDEN OFFICE PRIOR TO HIS TRANSFER TO VIETNAMESE
IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO COUNTRY.
THIS BEHAVIOR BELIEVED DUE LACK OF MEDICATION REDD

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NORMALLY TOOK AND ABOUT WHICH EMBASSY WAS FIRST INFORMED

IN STATE 201657.

3. DURING CONSULAR OFFICER'S VISIT TO SUBJECT IN IMMIGRATION JAIL HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH SYMPATHETIC AND LENIENT ATTITUDE OF CUSTODIAL OFFICIALS TOWARD SUBJECT, THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN BEING TO RELEASE HIM FOR OBVIOUSLY NEEDED MEDICAL CARE. DR. SINCLAIN, SAIGON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL ATTENDING PHYSICIAN STATED HE COULD NOT STATE WITH CERTAINTY WHETHER BRUISES WERE SELF-INFLICTED BUT DID SAY NONE OF THE INJURIES COULD HAVE CAUSED UNCONSCIOUSNESS. HE ALSO SAID RENAL FAILURE AFFECTED BOTH SIDES OF BODY WHICH IS CONSIDERED VERY UNUSUAL AND LACK OF BLOOD IN THE URINE INDICATES NO BEATING OR FOUL PLAY INVOLVED IN KIDNEY FAILURES.
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